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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : **ALL CONCERNED**

FROM : **THE OIC**, **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT : **ISSUANCE OF** **CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR CONTAINER VANS**

**TO BE USED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT BY-PRODUCTS FOR DOMESTIC TRADE**

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 1 of Sec. 2 of RA 9296 (2004), otherwise known as “The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines”as amended by RA 10536 (2013) provides that it is the policy of state to promulgate specific policies and procedures governing the flow of food animals, meat and by-products through the various stages of marketing and the proper preservation and inspection of such products.

**WHEREAS**, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order 06 series of 2012 “Hygienic Handling of Chilled, Frozen and Thawed Meat in Meat Markets ” states that chilled, frozen and thawed meat shall be transported in refrigerated vehicle and or insulated container that are able to maintain the required product temperature.

**WHEREAS**, There are commercial logistic company using container vans to transfer meat and meat by-products in their transport system that are not classified and registered as meat transport vehicle by the NMIS, hence traceability and meat safety is compromised.

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to establish procedure on inspection and issuance of certificate for meat container van per shipping.

**NOW THEREFORE,** This Circular is hereby issued, directing all Meat Inspection Officer (MIO) to inspect Meat Container Van to be used in transporting meat and meat by-products from NMIS Licensed Meat Establishment. Inspection shall be carried out before loading the meat. A Certificate of Inspection of Meat Container Van (Annex A) shall be issued by the assigned MIO upon inspection and approval. This certification shall be the reference for the issuance of Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) and/or Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI).

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*Meat Container Van- shall mean a 20 to 40 footer container suitable to withstand shipment, storage and maintain the required temperature of meat and meat by-products.*

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Annexes

1. Certificate of Inspection of Meat Container Van
2. Process Flow Diagram
3. Meat Container Van Evaluation checklist